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A CRUCIAL MEETING FOR CHEW KEE STORE

By NANCY WEY

FIDDLTOWN, Ca. — Which is it going to be — limestone-laden quarry trucks rumbling down the main street of Fiddletown, or the preservation of a Chinese herb shop dating from the 1850's? The fate of the Chew Kee herb store could be decided during a public hearing here on Tuesday, May 23, at 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts

Theatre of Sutter Creek High School. (E/W 2/15/78)

The purpose of the hearing before the Amador Planning Department will be to decide whether a use permit should be granted to Ideal Basic Industries, a multi-state corporation with headquarters in Denver, Colorado, to run its trucks down the main drag of Fiddletown (formerly Oleta), population 112. Experts have testified in an environmental impact report that the vibrations from the enormous quarry trucks will eventually cause the rammed-earth walls of the Chew Kee Store to collapse.

There are no sidewalks in Fiddletown. The main street is only 23 feet wide, barely able to accommodate two-way automobile traffic. The street can't be widened, since it presently reaches almost to the doorstep of the Chew Kee Store, the Chinese gambling hall, the Chinese general store and several non-Chinese historic buildings.

LANDMARK

The Chew Kee Store has recently been nominated to the United States Department of the Interior as a national historic landmark by Congressman John McFall. Supportive letters have come from throughout California and from the Harvard-Yenching Institute in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Outside of California, most traces of the early Chinese

pioneers have been obliterated by vandalism and commercial development. This has been one factor in the increased interest, nationwide, in preserving the Fiddletown herb shop.

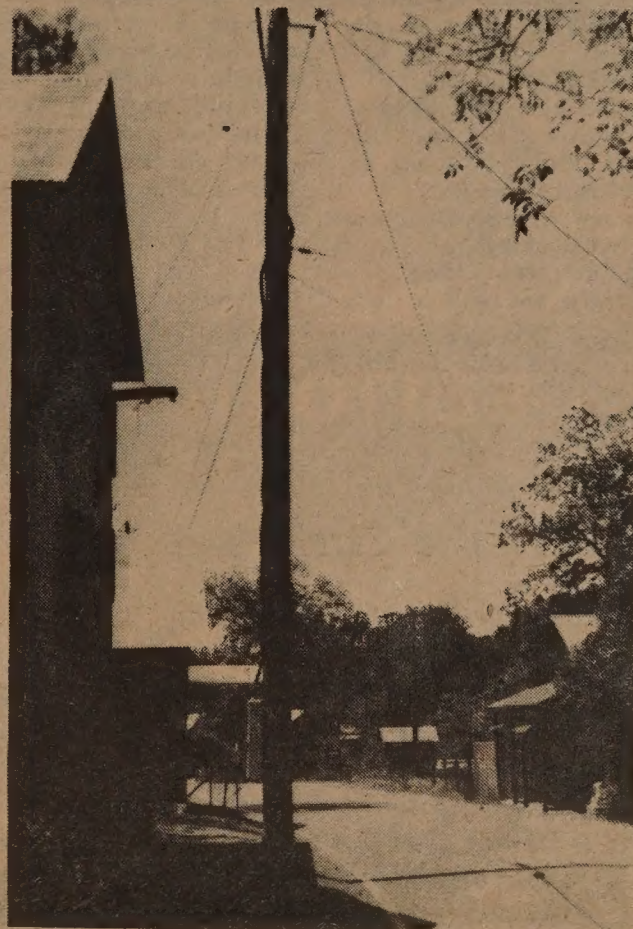
The Fiddletown Preservation Society has fought to preserve the Chew Kee Store since 1965 when its last owner, Jimmy Chow, died without leaving a will. They saved the building from destruction as an "eyesore," organized displays, raised money for repairs, and prevented the Amador County from defacing the building with improper restoration. The County had at one time proposed to run steel beams through the building in order to strengthen it.

FEELINGS

On May 11 at a meeting at Beth Kaiser's home, the members of the Fiddletown Preservation Society expressed their personal feelings about the Chew Kee Store and the reasons why they have spent their time and efforts to make certain that it is preserved. For Beth Kaiser, whose family came to California in the early nineteenth century, the Chew Kee Store is part of California history. "Where else can you open a door and step back a hundred years?" she asks.

Ron Scofield grew up with Chinese objects. His father was born in China. His grandfather was a missionary, "but one who

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This photo shows the narrowness of the street in Fiddletown. The Chinese General Store and the Gambling Hall are on the left, Chew Kee Store on the right. (Nancy Wey Photo)

US to Close 2 Libraries in Taiwan

TAIPEI — The U.S. International Communication Agency (ICA), formerly USIA, will close two libraries in Taichung and Tainan on July 15.

"Terminating library service in Tainan and Taichung would save us 13% of the total cost, or \$150,000 a year," deputy director of ICA Neal Donnelly told reporters. However, according to local appers, Donnelly did not rule out the possibility that "politics might be behind the move."

A report in *China News* said that the "real reason for closing down the libraries is normalization politics instead of monetary consideration." □

Sino-Soviet Border Incident

HONG KONG — The Soviet Union made an apology to Peking last week for a border intrusion incident in Northeast China. After China lodged a strong protest, the Soviet press agency Tass said that a border patrol had accidentally entered Chinese territory along the Ussuri River in pursuit of what it said was "an armed criminal." Tass denied that the Russians had fired on or wounded a number of Chinese citizens, as Peking contended. "Regret was expressed to the Chinese side in connection with the events," the news agency said.

REALITY

However, Peking said Sunday that it was not satisfied with Moscow's explanation of why troops, boats and a helicopter crossed the Ussuri River. "The explanation given in the Soviet note does not conform with reality," said the Chinese Foreign Ministry.

The Chinese said that in this latest incident, which occurred May 9 near the town of Hulin, a Soviet helicopter, 18 boats and 30 soldiers landed on the Chinese bank and penetrated two and a half miles inland, shooting, wounding and kicking a number of people. The Soviet version said the soldiers were in pursuit of a fugitive, mistakenly believing the other side of the river was Soviet-

controlled Krestovsky island.

The incursion was the first reported armed clash on the Ussuri since fighting in 1969 over the Chinese-held Chenpao Island.

Following the incident, the military commission of the Chinese Communist Party issued a statement saying that "war with the Soviet Union is inevitable" and called on its troops to intensify its training in modern warfare. □

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Streets like this one in Chinatown are very bumpy. See story on page 5. (Nancy Wong Photo)



Judge Low Pleads for Asian American Unity

NEW YORK — San Francisco Superior Court Judge Harry W. Low, in a keynote address to the Second National Conference on Asians in America and Asian Americans held here last Friday, has appealed to the American Asian community to set aside its differences in the international arena and concentrate on building a potent political base in the United States.

ALLIANCE

Low called upon attendees at the Conference to lay the groundwork for a national alliance of Asian Americans.

"We are not mere sojourners or alternate 'homegoers.'"

"Our commitment to the U.S. is permanent and we need to fully

participate... Any lesser commitment merely adds to cultural conflicts... adds to the ambiguities and the anguish over our own identity and thus creates more difficulties."

Low cautioned, "Our success in attaining these goals will be infinitely greater if we do not allow ourselves to be overly involved in international politics... Whether we are pro-People's Republic of China, anti-Marcos, pro-South Korea or anti-North Vietnam or contrary to any such policies these should not be allowed to impede our advancement."

APATHY

"How sad it is to learn the extent of political apathy among

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"Our commitment to the US is permanent and we need to fully participate."

Asians. We lack political awareness and our political participation is noticeably lacking. We need to register as voters, the new Asian citizens, encourage them to engage in the political process. We must look for Asian candidates to support. There is room for political criticism and political differences, indeed, that is healthy for any segment of the community. Distrust, doubt and suspicion breed the fears and divisions that will further weaken our effectiveness. Asian Democrats and Republicans can, and do, need to work with each other. We have a more important common bond that joins us together."

Noting population trends that show California will be more than one-half non-White before 1990, Low asserted, "It is time we diligently join with other minority groups." The jurist noted that several one-day minority conferences have been held to discuss what this means in terms of political change. "We must prepare for this impact."

VIGILANT

"All groups should regularly engage in self-examination. Our own lack of unity has delayed the progress of more positive efforts. We need to put our own community in order, and at the same time to be ever vigilant not to allow ourselves to be the maker or promoter of unfair practices or unfair recommendations especially as they may affect the new Asian immigrant. It would be wrong to dismantle the gains in corrective and fairer national immigration policies in a rush to find simplistic solutions to our complex problems."

On the impact of rising crime rates upon the Asian community: "In San Francisco, the problems

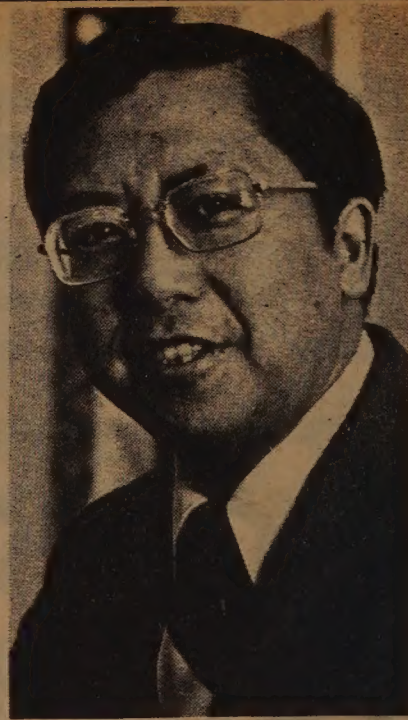
of Chinese involved in criminal acts have had a national impact on many Asians. The increase in crime shows a lack of effort on our part. We have failed to provide the economic opportunities to reduce crime. We have failed to correct social problems that breed and produce the violence.

"Already we can see an attitude of law enforcement in San Francisco where many young Asians charged with any offense are suspected of 'gang activity.' The atmosphere of suspicion results in harsher treatment of Asians involved with the criminal justice process."

INTERCHANGE

"Together with law enforcement, our communities need to build a better interchange. In general, there is high respect and esteem by Asians for law enforcement. But, any lack of confidence by either the Asian community or by law enforcement of the community will make less effective the best efforts of either. In essence, we need each other."

In his address, Low also called for increased attention to the educational difficulties of the



Judge Harry W. Low

Asian community, especially recent immigrants. He called for the establishment of counseling and supportive family and social services that help and stimulate the person to become a productive unit in the community, and for the continuation of affirmative action programs.

"Any solution to the community's problems will require large commitments. But we can summon help. We can stimulate others into action. The benefits will be momentous if we succeed. On the other hand, the damage to all will be severe if we do not try."

Low was the recipient of the Asian American Assembly for Policy Research Distinguished Service Award for Community Affairs at the conference.

EDITORIAL

Save the Chew Kee Store

With so few Chinese American historic places remaining in the United States, it is important for us to do our utmost to preserve what little we still have.

The Chew Kee Store in Fiddletown is a unique landmark to remind all Americans of the presence and the contributions of Chinese pioneers in those early days of the nation's history. Like the town of Locke and the shrimping center China Camp, the Chew Kee Store should be preserved and restored as a historic place for the state and the nation.

We urge Chinese Americans to attend the crucial meeting on May 23 in Sutter Creek High School and add our voice to save this building. □

The Closing of Libraries

This weekend begins the Peking trip for Dr. Zbigniew Brzezinski. With his departure, the U.S. International Communications Agency (formerly the USIA) announced the closing of two libraries in Taiwan. The move was most likely a political one, initiated from the White House, rather than from budgetary considerations as officially announced.

The American libraries in Taiwan have been serving the people there well. Many students who are unable to read certain U.S. publications in local libraries can read them there. They are also favorite places for students to look up U.S. college catalogs and to get together for cultural activities. Even *East/West*, which is not allowed to be mailed into Taiwan, can be read in these American libraries.

We feel the U.S. should withdraw its troops from Taiwan. But closing libraries and cutting these types of cultural ties is definitely an ill-considered move. □

LETTERS

Brzezinski Should Hear Chinese American Position

To East/West:

Zbigniew Brzezinski will leave for Peking this weekend. He must have received many letters from various Chinese groups in the U.S. Since many of the right-wing and left-wing organizations have their own special interests, I wrote him a letter to express some of my thoughts as a Chinese American.

In my letter, I told him that many Chinese Americans have relatives in China. To them, the most urgent concern is family reunion. To most second and third generation Chinese Americans, we share the prevalent American feeling that there should be a peaceful solution to the Taiwan problem, that our first concern is Soviet — and not Chinese — expansionism, and that an improved dialog between Washington and Peking will aid world peace...

Jimmy Yee,
San Francisco □

Build Monuments at the Sites of Old Cemeteries

To East/West:

We appreciate your reporting on the desecration of Chinese cemeteries in the May 3 issue.

From a practical viewpoint, it would be impossible to care for

dozens of Chinese old cemeteries scattered throughout Northern California and Nevada. We wonder if the Chinese American community could raise some funds to have monuments erected on these sites. Instead of tombstones, each cemetery will have one single monument which should be simple and solid...

Lori Wong, George Wong,
San Francisco □

Compliments to a Photographer

To East/West:

I would like to compliment your staff on the photographs of Nancy Wong in the May 3 issue of *East/West*.

Miss Wong's sense of composition and values in the profiles of Dean Firpo and Patrolman McConnen shows a sensitivity that is often lacking in most other newspapers.

I would enjoy seeing more of her work included in future publications of your cosmopolitan newspaper. The photographs attracted me and led me straight to the cover story. If her photographs caught my eye, I'm sure they do the same for others.

Thomas Swinnerton,
San Francisco □

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Housing Coalition Meeting

SAN FRANCISCO — The Chinatown Coalition for Better Housing has called a general meeting on Thursday, May 25, at 5:30 p.m. at Cameron House, 920 Sacramento Street. Supervisor John Molinari will give his views and answer questions about housing issues in Chinatown. □

US Attorney Files Charges Against CAL

SAN FRANCISCO — U.S. Attorney William Hunter has filed charges against China Airlines and seven travel agencies for violating an injunction forbidding them to sell plane tickets to individuals at group rates for which they are not qualified, according to the S.F. Examiner.

The tickets sold between September 1977 and last February for flights from the West Coast to Asia were in violation of a March 29, 1976 federal court injunction, the charge alleged.

In addition to China Airlines, the travel agencies named by the government attorney are Air and Sea Tours Inc., Tradewinds Travel, and Seven Seas Travel & Tours of San Francisco; Kigh Far Travel, Polygon Travel, Safeway Travel, Singapore & Malaysia Travel of Los Angeles and a Seven Seas agent Lisa Yao.

Hunter said the Civil Aeronautics Board advised the airline in early 1977 that "many of its passengers traveling on group affinity fares as purported members of the Asian American Recreation Club and the Federation of Overseas Chinese Students in USA were ineligible for such fares." □

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wanted to learn about Chinese culture instead of just putting it down." Herb Boxhorn and his wife are interested in herbal medicines. Marj Tieslau, who makes pottery, likes to show the building to people because of the beauty of the rammed-earth structure.

Jackie Barclay considers the Chew Kee Store an example of "small is beautiful." "Of a way of living with few gadgets, of making do with little." Ann Kaiser views the store in the same way she would view "an endangered species, plant or animal." Peter Newton, newcomer to Fiddletown, asks, "How can you show your children what a Chinese herb shop was like if there's just an empty lot with a plaque on it?"

OPPOSED

The Fiddletown Preservation Society has successfully opposed the quarry operation for four and a half years, since September 26, 1973 when Ideal Basic Industries first applied for a use permit to quarry limestone just outside of Fiddletown. Many property owners in the area are opposed to the quarry operation because of the resulting pollution and damage to the environment.

Others fear a loss of property values due to commercial development, damage to commercial interests (for example, a Christmas tree farm) and a decline of tourism in the area due to traffic problems. However, Marie Scofield, President of the Fiddletown Preservation Society, is not optimistic about the outcome this time. On April 27 the Amador County Technical Advisory Committee recommended that the latest environmental impact report (EIR) be accepted and that a use permit be granted.

If a sufficiently strong case for preserving the Chew Kee herb shop and the other historic buildings cannot be made at the May 23 meeting, and if the Planning Commission proceeds to approve the EIR and grant the use permit, then the battle is over.

HERITAGE

The Chew Kee Store is not just an Amador County concern. Since Fiddletown is a California historic landmark and the Chew Kee Store is a prospective national historic landmark, the preservation of the Chew Kee Store concerns everyone. The Chinese Historical Society of Southern California has voted to send a delegation to this meeting from Los Angeles. The Fiddletown Preservation Society hopes that concerned residents of Northern California will also be present at the meeting. Not everyone will have a chance to speak, but the physical presence of members of the Chinese community will testify to their concern for the preservation of their heritage.

The location of the meeting is in Sutters Creek, which is on Route 49 (see map). The directions are as follows: take 205 east from San Francisco to Interstate 5 north, from there turn onto route 88 headed northeast to Jackson, and then take route 49 north to Sutters Creek. The High School may be reached by taking either Spanish Street or High School Road from Route 49. The trip should take about two hours, or slightly longer



Members of the Fiddletown Preservation Society: (front, from left) Marj Tieslau, Herb Boxhorn and son; (middle) Jackie Barclay, Ann Kaiser, Jackie Nesbet; (rear) Beth Kaiser and Norrie Nesbet. (Photo by Nancy Wey)



President of Fiddletown Preservation Society Marie Scofield with husband Ron Scofield, whose father was born in China. (Nancy Wey Photo)

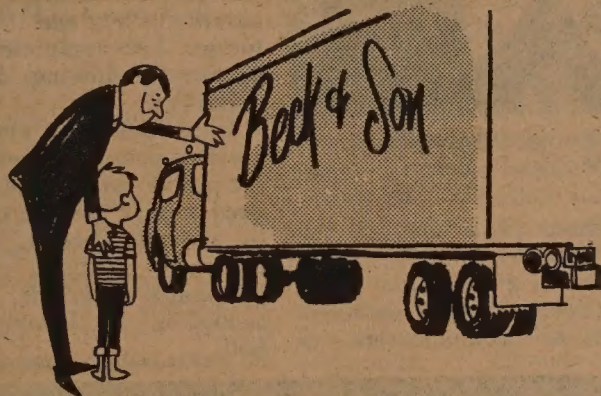


if the traffic is heavy.

Those who are unable to be present at the meeting may express their opinions by letter or telegram to Mr. Warren A. Plamondon, Planning Director, Amador County Planning Department, 114 Main Street, Room D, Jackson, California 95642.

Letters of concern may also be sent to Congressman John McFall, 1 Main Street, Jackson, California 95642; State Senator John Garamendi, 31 East Channel Street, Stockton, California 95202; Assemblyman Norm Waters, 218 West Pine Street, Lodi, California 95240; and your local representatives in the legislature. □

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CHINESE WORD-A-DAY

"FORK"

"Fork? You mean the Chinese have a word for THAT?"

Surprisingly enough, they have.

But everybody, including his honorable grandfather, knows that the Chinese have a certain opinion about this primitive tool called "fork." Even if I tell you that this word is a genuine fork with an olive, it is likely that you would not believe me.

So I might as well tell you the truth.

The truth is (now take a good look at the word), the Chinese word "fork" looks like a nut-cracker and the dot in the middle is a real nut. This may not give you much historical background about the fork, but it certainly reveals how the Chinese feel about this... eh, what's its name? ... Oh, yes... fork.

At times the Chinese are rather defensive about their highly versatile chopsticks.



Cantonese
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If you ask a Chinese how he would drink soup with his chopsticks, he would probably reply:

"The same way you would drink soup with your fork."

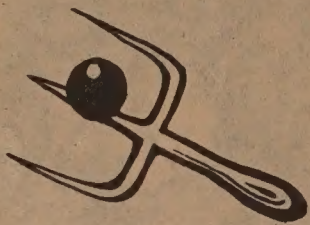
If you ask him how he would cut meat with the chopsticks, he would surely inform you:

"Meat in the Chinese dishes is already cut. Civilized people use knives only in the kitchen."

This really makes sense. Now, come to think of it, placing knives on the dining table not only would create a domestic hazard, it would also make your guest slightly worried whenever you say:

"We're certainly glad to have you for dinner."

Gulp!



By Gordon Lew

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Deputy director Bell of INS meets Chinatown journalists. (Kim Lee Photo)

Immigration Official Says Few 'Green Cards' Were Picked Up

By HELEN Y. H. HUI

SAN FRANCISCO — There are actually very few cases of cancellation of "green cards" or alien registration receipt cards (Form I-151) by the local Immigration and Naturalization Service, according to the newly appointed Deputy District Director Monica D. Bell last week.

She explained that the green card allows for absence from the United States up to one year each time. If a permanent resident is to be absent for over one year, he or she must apply for their re-entry permit prior to departure.

PATTERN

The green cards are not picked up randomly. The admitting officer examines the pattern of departure and the length and purpose of absence, and if there is evidence of abandonment of one's permanent residence, the officer will consider picking up the green card. For instance, when there is a travel pattern of five departures and five 11-months absences abroad, the admitting officer has every right to question the returning resident's intent to reside permanently here.

The question is one of bona fide actual residence. To prove this, the returning resident could offer proof of filing of resident tax returns and proof of actual domicile or permanent address in the United States. The filing of a non-resident tax return (Form 1040 NR) is strong evidence of intent to abandon residence.

DEFER

The admitting officer at the Port may defer examination of the



New deputy district director of the INS Monica D. Bell.

above issues to a unit in the immigration service at the downtown office at a later time. If the latter inspection reveals sufficient evidence of abandonment of

permanent residence, the returnee has a right to an Exclusion Hearing at which the Immigration Judge rules on the finding of abandonment.

In the six months up through April 30, 1978, a total of 54 cases requiring such secondary examination or deferred inspection was handled in the San Francisco office. Of these, 21 cases were referred from Honolulu of which 6 are Chinese cases. The other 33 were returning residents seeking admission at the San Francisco Port. Of these, 19 were Chinese. Of the total 54 cases, only 5 voluntarily abandoned their green cards. One went through an Exclusion Hearing and was admitted by the Immigration Judge. The remaining 48 were admitted following the deferred inspection.

In conclusion, if one maintains a viable actual residence and files the proper tax returns, there is no need to fear the loss of residency by absences abroad, for business or even personal reasons for reasonable periods of time, according to Deputy Director Bell.

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Newspaper Poetry Award for Nanying Stella Wong

SAN FRANCISCO — Nanying Stella Wong has received an award for newspaper poetry for her poem "Angel Island" which appeared in the October 5, 1977 issue of East/West.

The first prize award was presented to her by president Ila F. Berry and contest chairman Ellis Ovesen of The Ina Coolbrith Circle at a recent meeting in the Marine Memorial Building here. Wong read her poem at the presentation, illustrating it with her paintings of Angel Island. The awards were sponsored by the Kathleen Teresa Cronen Fund. □

A PROPOSAL TO PUT CHINATOWN STREETS UNDER CITY'S MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

By RICHARD SPRINGER
SAN FRANCISCO — The Department of Public Works has sent a series of recommendations to the Board of Supervisors which could lead to 26 of Chinatown's small alleys, courts, places and lanes being brought under the jurisdiction of the city's maintenance program.

However, there are possible snags. A taxpayers' suit has been led to stop work on improvements to streets in the Forest Hills area. On a motion from Supervisor Quentin Kopp, who represents Forest Hills on the board, about 6 miles of their streets are accepted by the city for maintenance and repair. The city is willing to pay for the entire cost of reconditioning, but some taxpayers are suing, charging that the precedent is illegal since property owners had to share the reconditioning cost in the past.

Some of the Chinatown thoroughfares in the Public Works' list could also be kept from incorporation by a taxpayers suit. The DPW recommendations divide the alleys and lanes into those that can be accepted by the city without any repair work and those that will have to be upgraded to city charter standards before they can be accepted.

PEDESTRIAN

Streets that public works says can be accepted now are: (Used



The pavement on Ross Alley badly needs repair. (Nancy Wong Photo)

for pedestrian traffic only) Bedford Place, Jason Court, Pelton Place, Cooper Alley and St. Louis Alley; and, (pedestrian and vehicular use) Adler Street, Dunne's Alley, James Alley, Pagoda Alley and Trenton Street. These streets could be brought under city maintenance without any cost to the city provided the board of supervisors gives its approval.

Chinatown streets that need upgrading include: Adele Court, Codman Place, Dawson Street, Doric Street, Fisher Alley, Freeman Court, Gibb Street, Iis Lane, Jerome Alley, Nottingham Place, Pratt Place, Rowland Street, Tracy Street and Verdi Place.

When the Forest Hills resolution passed the board of supervisor in January, Supervisor Gordon Lau, who represents the Richmond district, said he would support Forest Hills "if other supervisors support similar measures for the entire City of San Francisco, especially in the lower-income districts." On a motion from Supervisor John Molinari, who represents Chinatown-North Beach, DPW was asked to prepare

a list of streets that are not presently accepted for maintenance by the city.

LIST

According to Jeffrey Lee, city engineer and deputy director of DPW, his department is sending the supervisors a list of several hundred streets that are not currently maintained by the city. Some are more than one block long.

Ross Alley is a special case, Lee says, and DPW has a separate recommendation. Several months ago the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, the Chinatown Health Committee and Self Help for the Elderly got together to plead for bringing the Alley up to "acceptable conditions." Stephen Fong of the Chamber offered his organization's 1976 bicentennial funds toward Ross Alley improvement. The Chamber's offer totalled \$9,500. At that time the owners of property fronting Ross Alley agreed to form a special tax assessment district to cover a portion of the cost.

The Chinatown Neighborhood Improvement Resource Center also came into the picture and began lobbying for acceptance of Chinatown streets under the city's care. When Forest Hills got their windfall, the Resource Center told

public works that Chinatown should receive similar treatment. "If one community gets it, then the other should get it," says Jennie Lew, a planner who works at the Resource Center.

ROSS

Public Works is recommending that the supervisors vote to improve Ross Alley, taking the \$9,500 from the Chinese Chamber and the other Chinatown groups. The total cost of improving Ross Alley is \$23,000 and public works is recommending that the city come up with the difference. "Ross Alley is a point of considerable interest, historically and for the tourist traffic. We think the city should pay the difference," says DPW engineer Lee.

The entire question of acceptance of the Chinatown alleys and streets will be taken up in the supervisors' Streets and Transportation Committee meeting on May 25 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 228, City Hall. Members of the committee are Kopp, Harvey Milk and Ella Hill Hutch (she voted against the Forest Hills resolution).

According to Jennie Lew of the Chinatown improvement organization, the city attorney has made several rulings saying that the city can't pay the entire cost of restructuring and upgrading the streets. But Ross Alley, she feels, should go through, since the community is willing to set up an

assessment district and contribute \$9,500 in funds. □

Table Tennis Championships This Weekend

SAN FRANCISCO — The 1978 Spring Table Tennis Championships will be held this Saturday and Sunday at the San Francisco Table Tennis Club, 113 Steuart St (near the main post office). Admission is free. Many top ranked Northern California players are expected to attend.

Lower division play starts at 10 a.m. Saturday and upper division play begins Sunday at 10 a.m. Deadline for entry is May 18. For information, contact the S.F. Table Tennis Club, 495-7932 or 431-1171. □

Senior Citizens Craft Workshop

SAN FRANCISCO — A workshop to teach senior citizens and housewives to earn spare money by handicraft and sewing projects will be held on Friday, May 19 at 1 p.m. at Cameron House, 920 Sacramento Street. □

Senate Mulls Buying Locke

SACRAMENTO — The Senate is now considering appropriating state funds to buy the historic Chinese community Locke in the Sacramento River delta.

The Assembly passed legislation recently that would use \$525,000 in state money to buy and preserve Locke. The bill by Assemblyman Norman Waters allows the Sacramento Housing and Development Agency to buy the town and then transfer title to the Department of Parks and Recreation when restoration and development are completed. □

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INS ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO INCLUDE WEST COAST ASIAN REP.

By MABEL NG

WASHINGTON — The Federal Advisory Committee to the Immigration and Naturalization Service will have an Asian representative from the West Coast after all.

So said Leonel Castillo, Commissioner of INS, before a luncheon gathering sponsored by the Asian and Pacific American Federal Employee Council (APAFEC) last Wednesday.

CRITICISM

Castillo was responding to heavy criticism that of the 22 appointees thus far to the 25-member advisory board, not one is representative of Asian American immigrant groups on the West Coast, despite California being the locale for the largest numbers of Asian American immigrants in the country (see E/W Letters to the Editors 4/19/78). "Obviously, we goofed," said Castillo, who gave little insight on how the other 22 were chosen, except to say that they were "people of standing who could contribute to [immigration] policy and who had access to groups."

In his hour-long conversation with Asian Americans, Castillo acknowledged the difficulties that the INS has had with providing service to the public in general and to minorities in particular. Despite the fact that the greatest immigration in the past 15 years has been from Asia and Mexico, most of INS operation is still geared toward immigration from Europe. For instance, while there are three INS offices in Italy to process visa petitions, there is only one in Hong Kong, one in the Philippines and, outside of one in Mexico, none in Latin America or Africa. A person with problems in Buenos Aires must journey to Rome for adjudication, Castillo exclaimed.

ENFORCEMENT

Long known as "the agency that threw people out of the country," it has emphasized enforcement over service. That's because INS

service personnel generally came up from the ranks after working in the Border Patrol, where the attitude is "catch-em," explained Castillo. For years, there was virtually no new employees at the service levels who came from outside the agency.

And naturalization services are the least funded aspect of the INS. Of the 21,000 pending cases in Los Angeles' naturalization unit, over 8000 simply require a typing of a certificate or a phone call for registration. Yet there's been no pressure for increased funding in this area from Congress or the Administration, because when the 21,000 aliens become naturalized, they'll petition for their relatives, soon boosting the figure to 60,000 new immigrants who may not yet achieve that crucial status of voter.

AFFECTED

This lack of emphasis on service has adversely affected Chinese and Mexican immigrants the most: for of all immigrant groups, these two are the least likely to apply for benefits from INS, such as naturalization. Traditionally, the U.S. did not want the Chinese in this country, and it's been long held that a Mexican national seeking U.S. citizenship was in essence spitting on the Mexican flag. Under his tenure, Castillo said, INS is beginning to change, first by providing outreach services and training programs to community groups.

Other changes include bringing in automation to INS offices. In the past, INS' 18 million files had to be processed manually in 300 locations. It was not uncommon to have 25 percent of the files lost, Castillo said. In the Los Angeles office, personnel worked merely to locate files. Automation should eliminate this and provide for a more efficient operation.

CONCERN

Affirmative action is another concern — of the 10,000 employees in INS, only one-half of

one percent is Asian American, and most of them are located in Hawaii with some in West Coast offices. Castillo stressed that the agency is seeking to work closely with community groups to see how the agency could become more responsive to their concerns.

In addition, people going to work abroad are now being trained in the language and culture of the country where they will serve, a practice not followed before.

Not all horror stories of the INS can be erased quickly though, Castillo stated. Some obsolete regulations, such as requiring naturalization applicants to take exams in English, unless they've been here for 20 years and prior to 1952, "which means the applicant must be 77 years old," need Congressional action. Other "offensive" provisions which can deny naturalization and which Castillo believes should be changed include asking applicants if they're anarchists, adulterists or prostitutes.

GENERALS

Commissioner Castillo was preceded by a general, who was preceded by a law enforcement official, who was preceded by another general. Small wonder, then, that changes don't come easily. While INS is embarking on an extensive program to develop standards for due process, courtesy and efficiency, there's tremendous opposition from INS agents themselves and from the institution's biases, Castillo explained. But that's all the more reason he's willing to see what he can do to assist community groups that are impacted by immigration policies, he added.

Reunion of Chinese Digest Journalists

BERKELEY — A group of Chinatown's pioneer journalists met last week at the China Station Restaurant in Berkeley to commemorate the 43rd anniversary of the first publication of the *Chinese Digest* of San Francisco.

The *Digest* was an English language paper which was published weekly at first and then twice a month and monthly from 1935 until the outbreak of World War II. It was "devoted to the interpretation of China and Chinese culture, ancient and modern, and to the dissemination of information, data and discussion of the history, life, problems, progress and activities of the Chinese in America."

Present at the reunion were founders and publishers Thomas W. Chinn and Chingwah Lee, postmaster Lim P. Lee, who was in charge of "sociological data" on the *Digest* and businessman H. K. Wong, one of the original staff reporters. Also present were *Digest* writers and correspondents Daisy W. Chinn, Alice Fong Yu, who recently retired after a long teaching career; and Patrick Sun, who recently retired after long diplomatic duty for the Taiwan government as an ambassador for the foreign ministry.

Spring Festival Dancers



Loretta Leong (from left), Maria Chau and Bonnie Lew will present Chinese folk dance at the 11th Annual San Joaquin County Spring Festival on May 20 and 21 at Micke Grobe Park and Zoo north of Stockton.

Thirty ethnic and cultural groups will present songs, dances and martial arts exhibits during 13 hours of stage shows during the afternoons of the two-day festival.

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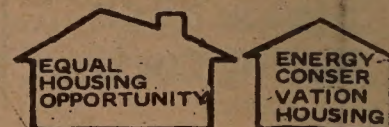
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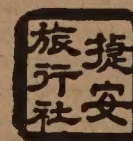
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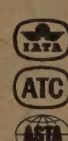
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Thousands of Shanghai Residents Line Up for Hours to Buy Books

By TODD CARREL

SHANGHAI — In an awesome display of the Chinese people's desire to learn from the West and make the past serve the present, tens of thousands of Shanghai residents waited hours in long queues before slowly streaming through this city's largest book outlet, the New China Book Store on East Nanking Road.

They emerged from the massive stone building with armfuls of the nation's newest publications — 15

Chinese editions of Western classics ranging from Shakespeare's *Merchant of Venice* to Mark Twain's *Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, the only American novel in the batch.

BIGGEST

It was the biggest book-buying binge in China since the release of the fifth volume of Mao's selected works on April 15, 1977.

The run on China's book shops was triggered by a short article in the April 30 edition of the national

newspaper, the *People's Daily*. That article announced that 35 books — including 15 popular foreign works taken off the market at the onset of the Cultural Revolution in 1966 — would be available beginning May 1.

As millions of Chinese gathered with their co-workers or families to quietly celebrate the May Day holiday, some 10,000 Shanghai residents used the time to grab up the few examples of foreign literature on sale in the nation.

By midday, the largest bookstore in China's largest city was sold out. Its doors remained closed for two days — the time needed to obtain a few more tons of the coveted Western literature.

ANXIOUS

On Thursday morning, the New China Book Store opened at 4 a.m. to let thousands of book-hungry factory workers, students, and soldiers file through to buy the freshly printed books. Once inside, the anxious customers lined up in front of six numbered makeshift counters where some of the 15 foreign works were stacked in neat piles about two feet high. Each person was dealt a book from the top of the pile as he handed over his money.

Behind the counters more workers frantically unwrapped packages of the new books to keep

up with the fast-paced sales.

By 11 a.m., said one book store worker, more than 7,000 persons had spent between \$3.50 and \$10 each, and left the store carrying the off-white paperback books.

The most expensive offering, the three volume set of the Arabian folktales *1001 Nights*, sold for US \$1.75. Single volume re-prints of *Hamlet*, *Les Misérables*, *Robinson Crusoe*, and anthologies of Chekhov's short stories and Greek fairy tales sold for 30 cents to a dollar.

NUMBER

The line of thousands of anxious book-buyers, each with a white chalk-marked number on his right sleeve to establish his place, snaked through an alley next to the store and down the next block.

In front of the store, young men holding stacks of newly purchased books became the focus of small huddles as they traded or scalped the Western classics.

One young textile worker said he bought his stack of books to raise his "cultural level" and elevate his "consciousness," although he wasn't familiar with the content of the books he had purchased.

"Now the people feel there are too few books available," he said. "We want to read more. China should produce more books." □

Singapore Airlines Buys 19 Boeing Jets

SINGAPORE — The government-owned Singapore Airlines has announced the purchase of 19 Boeing 747s and 727s worth almost \$900 million last week.

Airline officials said the company will phase out its present fleet of Boeing 747s over the next few years in favor of a newer model with more advanced systems and more efficient, comfortable and attractive interiors.

The purchase will be financed partly by the airlines' own accumulated surplus funds and partly by external borrowing.

Singapore Airlines currently maintains a fleet of 27 aircrafts, all made by Boeing. The company recently agreed to buy 5 McDonnell Douglas DC-10s by 1980.

The airline has initiated a twice weekly cargo service to the United States recently, and will begin passenger service to San Francisco next year. □

First Asian Am Public Employee Conference Set

SACRAMENTO — Plans are currently underway for the first Asian Pacific Islanders Training and Educational Conference set for September 21-23, 1978, in Sacramento, it was announced last week by Florence Kong, conference chairperson.

The conference is aimed primarily toward Asian-American public employees throughout the state, who number an estimated 12,000. The conference theme, "A Past Rich in Diversity — A Future Strong Through Unity," will concentrate on increasing knowledge and awareness of governmental functions as well as how the civil service system works.

The purpose of the conference is twofold. First, it will attempt to teach employees how to develop to their fullest potential; and secondly, it will enlighten public employees to the necessary and available services provided by both government and community groups.

The conference is being sponsored by the Asian State Employees' Association of Sacramento, the Los Angeles City Employees' Asian American Association, and the Los Angeles County Employees' Asian American Association.

For information, write Asian and Pacific Islanders Training and Educational Conference, P. O. Box 22361, Sacramento, CA. 95822. □

Chinese Prose Translation Project Completed

NEW YORK — Dr. Liu Shih-shun has completed a project to translate classical Chinese prose into English. The project, which was supported partly by the Ford Foundation, was initiated in 1968.

The collection is titled *The Eight Great Masters of Chinese Prose* and will be published this year by *Renditions* magazine of the Chinese University of Hong Kong. □

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YEE JUN FOLDS, THE END OF AN ERA

By KEN WONG

SAN FRANCISCO — Chinatown's oldest restaurant, Yee Jun, will close at the end of the month, joining the ranks of such legendary San Francisco restaurants as Izzy Gomez's, Pig'n'-Whistle and the Golden Pheasant.

Yee Jun is more like Izzy's, the speak-easy with sawdust on the floor. Nothing fancy. The food is good and the price is right.

Manager Chew Won, 48, said his grandfather, Won Ah Lim, started the restaurant in 1885. He had three sons and later sold half a share to his brother-in-law, Lee Mon Wah.

DUCKS

The cellar restaurant, with the roast ducks hanging on wires and dripping oil, has always been a workingman kind of place.

Won, who took over as manager in 1962 when his father died, said Yee Jun originally was in Spofford Alley, up the block a bit. The 1906 earthquake-fire wiped it out and it was relocated in Oakland until the present building at 834 Washington St. went up in 1907.

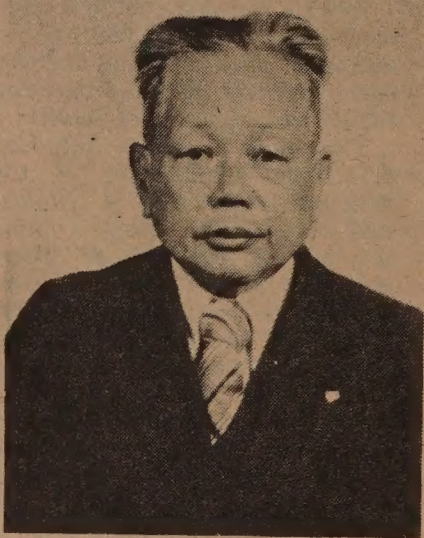
There's no shark-fin soup here. Not even vermicelli. Just crisp noodles. If you want pan-fried noodles you'd have to ask for them, and that would be 15 cents extra.

Yee Jun has gone through a number of phases. In the beginning it had a local clientele. Steamed pork with salted fish was the house specialty. The aroma attracted Filipinos, who made it their favorite spot when in town from the valley after the harvest season.

VISITORS

Then the Beats from North Beach discovered Yee Jun. They were followed by the flower children from the Haight-Ashbury. But always there would be visitors from Peoria stumbling down the stairs and finding "a romantic place with private booths and Tennessee marble-top tables."

They would tell their friends and so on, until the restaurant had a cult following.



Won Ah Lim, who founded the Yee Jun Restaurant in 1885.

When you walk into Yee Jun for the first time, you might be startled by the "tea ceremony."

The place is packed. There's an empty table, but it's laden with dirty dishes. The waiter moseys over and clears it. You sit. He splashes tea from a pot on the table and wipes it clean.

One of the waiters, Fred Lee, 60, has been with Yee Jun 45 years. And George Tom, 61, is only two years behind. When he started in 1934 the rent was \$50. Now it's \$660.

HANDSHAKE

"There was no lease in the old days. Just a handshake," Tom recalled. Now Yee Jun has lost its lease. Time changed, and so have prices.

Tom pointed to the menu and laughed. "Rice was five cents a bowl. A plate of tender green with beef was 10 cents. Now it's \$2. For 25 cents you could have gotten five dishes. Today it would cost you \$10." The country was still in a depression during the early '30s. "We fed people for 15 cents a meal — soup, pork and rice."

There was little tipping. "We didn't grumble. When people were back on their feet, they remembered us."

Tom thinks that anyone over 40 living in Chinatown must have at

one time or another been to Yee Jun. He remembers doctors who were still in medical school or just out of school coming here to eat. "Now they don't come around anymore."

He pointed to a baby high chair. "I carried that thing for two generations. The parents came with their young ones. Now the young ones have their own tots."

QUESTIONS

Tom will have to live on unemployment checks for a while. He doesn't look forward to it. "They keep you waiting for hours and ask you the same questions over and over again. I'd rather work."

Most of the other six workers on the staff expect to find new jobs.

One of Yee Jun's regulars, Ivor Parrott of Mill Valley, has written a letter to Mayor Moscone asking for a public ceremony to mark the closing.



Manager Chew Won. (Photo by Nancy Wong)

Meanwhile, Won has sold all of Yee Jun's fixtures to a used-restaurant-equipment firm — the refrigerator, plates, cash register, woks and all the other cooking gear.

But the marble-top tables have been bought by customers who want them for souvenirs.

When Won flicks off the light at Yee Jun on May 31, a Chinatown era ends.

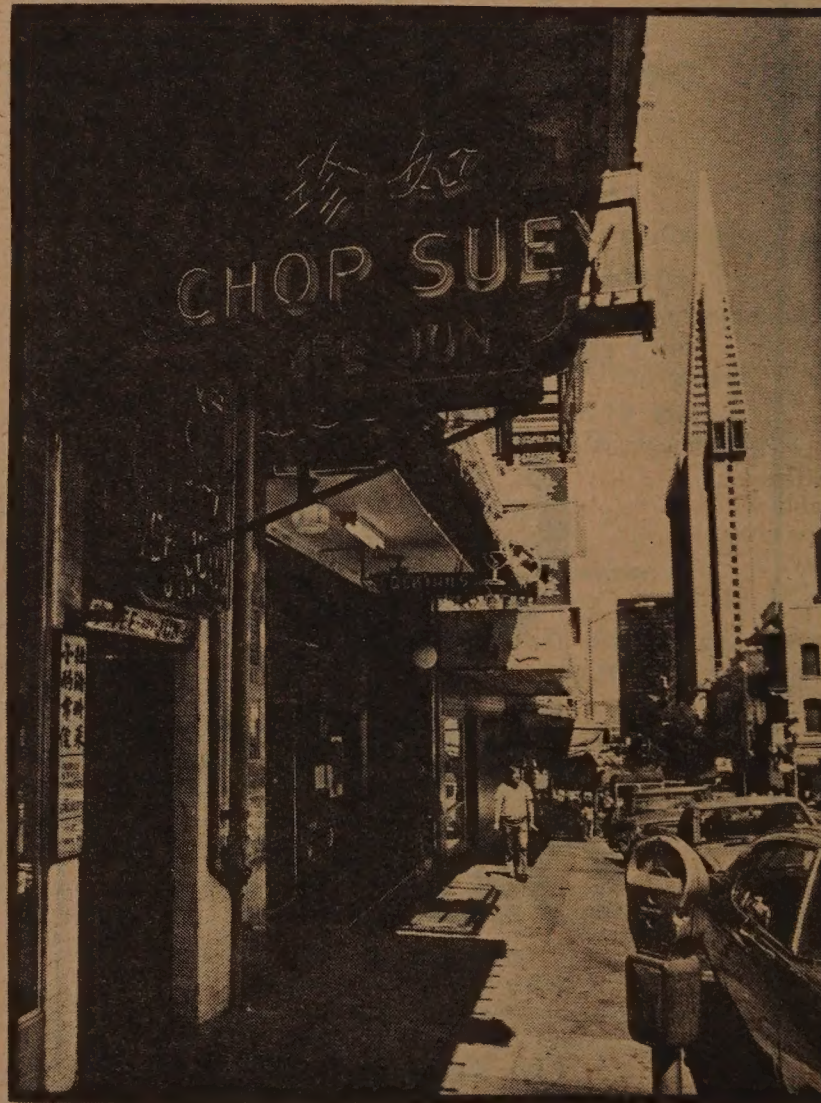
(Ken Wong, a former editor of East/West, is a reporter with the San Francisco Examiner. The above article was reprinted from the Examiner. —Ed.)

Taipower Installs Nuclear Reactor

TAIPEI — The first reactor of the Second Nuclear Power Plant of the Taiwan Power Co. was installed last week. Officials said the company started its nuclear power service in late 1977 when the first generator of the First Nuclear Power Plant began a series of test runs. The generator with a capacity of 636,000 kilowatts has recently been in full operation.



The staff at Yee Jun will have to seek new employment soon. (Photo by Nancy Wong)



The Yee Jun on Washington Street will soon be closed. (Photo by Nancy Wong)



PROGRAM NOTES

Pressure-Cooker Drama in 'Streamers' Play

By RICHARD SPRINGER

"Streamers" is less an anti-war play than a pressure-cooker drama about one soldier's inability to deal with his own homosexual tendencies. Anti-war and other sociological themes are prominent in the play, but they are subservient to the homosexual interaction that both causes and prefigures the violent conclusion of the play.

Set at an army camp in the U.S., when the Johnson administration was about to increase its troop commitment to Vietnam to over 500,000, "Streamers" won the New York Drama Critics Award for the Best American Play of 1976. Written by David Rabb ("The Basic Training of Pavlo Hummel," "Sticks and Bones"), the play is being given a first-class production by Victor Wong's Fine Arts Development organization at the Cannery Theater in San Francisco.

The play doesn't work, but it's the writing and not the acting that's at fault. The anti-war theme is never cohesively linked with central action revolving around a homosexual identity crisis. It's as if the sociological statements are appendages, to be taken seriously, but not indispensably in relation to the main action.

STREAMERS

The title of the play refers to the streamers that hang up there in the air above a parachute jumper who has lost his parachute. Many Americans in the 1960's found themselves floating in a sea of anxiety when faced with the Vietnam War and a government they considered morally bankrupt. Rabb provides a spectrum of characters, including a black misfit raging against society (Richard Lawson), a gay who is just beginning to accept his homosexuality (Warner Shook), a latent homosexual who is unable to admit his situation (John Rubinstein), a black soldier who has learned to turn his head away from trouble (Eddie Hailey), and two war-beaten, alcoholic, old-army soldiers (Charles Durning, Ralph Meeker).

In the 60's, young people and draftees found themselves grasping at straws while trying to justify our involvement in Vietnam. Likewise, some of the actors in "Streamers" are cast adrift by Rabb with no life buoy or tow rope to connect them tightly to the play.

VIOLENCE

For example, Durning gives a speech at the end which should be moving, but his character is so poorly-developed that the audience, sobered fortunately by the violence of the final scenes, has a hard time taking him seriously. Meeker's character is a shell and his death is almost comic instead of tragic. (Durning, incidentally, left the play after Saturday's performance because of other commitments. Meeker is shifting to Durning's role).

Lawson is spectacular as the half-crazed black raging against white society, but his character is shrunk by Rabb, because it functions primarily as a weapon used by the more blatant homosexual to bring the latent gay



John Wayne and Claire Trevor in "Stagecoach."

out of the closet. The U.S. army racism against Asians, the black man's difficulties in America, prejudice against homosexuals, dissatisfaction in the army — all the themes are touched upon, but subjugated to what is essentially a confrontation between two homosexuals.

Still, the acting is fine enough to merit a look at the play. Be prepared for realistic violence, rough language and characters that use racist, anti-Asian dialogue. According to Victor Wong, the play will run through August, and Durning and Richard Thomas may rejoin the cast. Incidentally, seating at the Cannery is such that a seat way up front is worth the extra cost.

TYCOON

- Unless you are an inveterate Jacqueline Bisset ogler, avoid "The Greek Tycoon." The thinly-disguised version of the Kennedy-Onassis pseudo-legend is exploitive, crass, silly, and overacted. If I had space I'd list its bad points too.

- The Benson and Hedges-sponsored screening of 100 movie classics concludes its "first ten" this weekend with a showing of the John Ford classic western "Stagecoach," starring John Wayne and Claire Trevor. The film will be shown at midnight May 19 and 20 at the Coliseum and Serra Theaters for the price of 100 cents.

Movies shown thus far have included "High Noon," "Citizen Kane," and "Casablanca." The films highlight the period from 1930 to 1955, and the program includes period newsreels, cartoons and movie shorts. "Stagecoach" (1930) was remade, but the earlier version is far superior to the Hollywood retread. Ford's use of location shooting is spectacular, and the current issue of the American Film Institute publication has an excellent article on Ford's use of Western exteriors in Monument Valley.

- The program for the Kokusai Theatre May 17-23 is "Zatoichi on the Road" (one of the best) paired with the first of the Tora-san series "Tora-san, Our Lovable Tramp."

- This Friday night at 9:30 p.m., the Pacific Film Archive will present a Akira Kurosawa film that is a devastating comment on the nuclear age. "I Live In

By CORDELL YEE

BERKELEY—Open up almost any book on Chinese art, and it will discuss at length what was considered an incontrovertible fact, the influence of Taoism on painting—any book except the one Michael Strickmann would write. Strickmann, a UC professor of Chinese who has studied Taoist religion for ten years, says the connection between Taoism and mainstream Chinese art is unclear at best and may not even exist.

"Art historians have talked about Taoism influencing theme and style," Strickmann said, "with no clear understanding of what Taoism really is. They mention reverence for nature, yin-yang and five element theory as Taoist, but actually such concepts were common to the entire culture."

LECTURE

One afternoon last week, Strickmann, a bespectacled, bearded scholar, sat in the shade by Strawberry Creek on the Berkeley campus. He will lecture on Chinese painting and Taoism at the San Francisco Asian Art Museum (May 22, 8 pm) and took time out from his research to offer his emendations to prevailing conceptions of Taoism and Taoist art.

Until recently, Strickmann said, Chinese and Western scholars had regarded Taoism as a corrupt, popular religion—an attitude inherited from the Ch'ing dynasty, when the Manchus tried to suppress native Chinese culture. Taoism, he said, is really a two-layered religion; it has a popular and a higher side. The popular side, which had some roots in local occult religions that flourished as early as the Han dynasty, included alchemy, astrology, meditation, macrobiotics, and worship of a host of gods. The Taoist leaders, though indulging in such activities, believed themselves to be above them. They believed in something higher—the Tao—that the common people with lesser vision could not appreciate. This split between the two levels exists even now, Strickmann said, in the sects in Taiwan, where the religion has been experiencing a resurgence, and in Hong Kong.

TEMPLE

"When I was passing through Hong Kong," Strickmann said, "the president of the Taoist society took me around. I remarked to him, 'Isn't it too bad that there is no religion here?' He took me to a modern office building. On the third floor there was a Taoist temple. It was packed. And this was at four in the afternoon. On

Fear" (1955, 105 mins., 35 mm.) stars Toshiro Mifune and is being presented at the Archive in Berkeley as part of a series of films on nuclear issues.

- Hank Grant reported recently in the Hollywood Reporter that actor Benson Fong is producing, with First Films Ltd. of Hong Kong, a martial arts film starring the karate-trained black actor Jim Kelly, who was featured with Bruce Lee in "Enter the Dragon."

another floor there was another temple with a statue of a Buddha. The president told me, 'Some people like to come here instead.'"

Taoist priests, Strickmann said, are called upon to perform ancestral rites, divination, even to hold seances. "They laugh at all this," Strickmann said. "They give the people what they want, even a Buddha, while adhering to their own purer ideas. They realize they cannot survive without popular support."

The sect in Hong Kong is a monastic variety that originated in northern China, he said. The one in Taiwan came from Fukien and is more domestic. The priests live at home and are allowed to marry. The two sects, Strickmann said, are probably unaware of each other, but both profess to be descended from the Way of the Celestial Master, Chang Tao-ling, who in the second century said he had received a revelation from Lao Tzu.

CATEGORIES

What can be labelled Taoist art, Strickmann said, falls into three main categories: iconography, talismans, and meditation drawings. The subject of the first are Taoist gods and mortals who achieved godliness. Talismans, Strickmann said, differ radically from mainstream art and are full of occult symbols. "Meditation drawings superficially resemble mainstream art," Strickmann says. "But if you understand the language, they are recognizably Taoist. Waterfalls drawn with wavy

lines symbolize 'breath' (ch'i), and mountains are drawn to resemble the human body with its internal organs or vice versa."

Mountains are important in Taoism, Strickmann said. They stood between heaven and earth, and mountaintops were the favored sites for meditation. Like human bodies, he said, they were considered microcosms, small universes. Taoists built their temples in the mountains and liked to contrast their pure life with the corruption and decay below, he said. From the temples in the mountains around Nanking, he said, they looked down on the tombs of the Liang emperors.

INTEREST

Two books, Strickmann said, one by Holmes Welch and the other by Joseph Needham, kindled his interest in Taoism. Welch had written—and other scholars generally agreed—that the Taoist cannon was "incomprehensible" and "undateable," he said. He studied the works in the collection himself and found that more than half could be dated with precision.

Strickmann predicts that within a few years scholars will have assembled a fairly detailed account of Taoism. Another little-known subject obsesses him now—the history of Chinese Tantric Buddhism, a sect characterized by magic and mysticism. "It holds the same fascination that Taoism did ten years ago," he says. "Taoism is, in a sense, China's indigenous Tantrism."

Law Enforcement Officials Conduct Bilingual Forum

SAN FRANCISCO — A bilingual public forum on Citizen Access to the Law Enforcement System will be held Thursday, May 25, 1:30 p.m. at the Chinese Culture Center.

Police Chief Charles Gain, District Attorney Joseph Freitas, and Public Defender Jeffrey Brown will outline how their departments are meeting the police protection and law enforcement needs of San Francisco's diverse multi-ethnic neighborhoods.

Over 40,000 Chinese, many of whom are elderly and non-English speakers, reside in the Chinatown/North Beach area. The forum will focus on how these public departments are overcoming the language barrier by providing bilingual services.

COOPERATION

With an emphasis on citizen cooperation to solve crime, Police Chief Gain and District Attorney Freitas will detail how residents calling their departments for help or information will be served. Gain, Freitas, and Brown will also answer questions from the audience.

Supervisor Gordon Lau will chair the Forum with Supervisor John Molinari present. Forum co-sponsors include: Chinese Newcomers Service Center, Victim/Witness Assistance Program, Chinese for Affirmative Action, Self-Help for the Elderly, Asian American Bar Association, and China-

town SAFE Project.

Free bilingual materials on law enforcement services will be available. The public is encouraged to attend.

NACA Supports Hospital Fund Drive

SAN FRANCISCO — The Bay Area Chapter of the National Association of Chinese Americans (NACA) is planning to launch fund-raising activities and an education drive to support the rebuilding of the Chinese Hospital, according to chapter president Ling-chi Wang.

"The hospital is planning to modernize its facility and to upgrade its services to the Chinese Community," Wang said. "To do that, the hospital must raise about \$2 million cash by July 1 to qualify for a federally guaranteed loan of another \$2 million needed for completion of this project." He said that so far, contributions have come largely from huge donors; the men and women in the streets have not been sufficiently involved.

The association, headed by Nobel Laureate Prof. Yang Chen-ning, plans to raise funds by hosting a cultural performance, a film, and selling raffle tickets.



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FUNERAL NOTICE

Wai Sue Chun Louie

Wai Sue Chun Louie of Oakland passed away May 11 at the Stanford University Hospital. She was 72.

Mrs. Louie was born and reared in Honolulu, Hawaii. She graduated from the University of Hawaii with a Bachelor's degree in Mathematics and from Columbia University with a Master's degree in nutrition. She taught in Tientsin, China and Maui, Hawaii. Until her death she worked as vice president of F.S. Louie & Co.

She married F.S. Louie in 1932. Besides her husband, Mrs. Louie is survived by two sons, Sherwin and Steven Louie, both of Oakland; three daughters, Juana Dong of Los Altos Hills, Maimie Zee of Claremont, and Lorraine Louie of Oakland, and by eight grandchildren. She is also survived by her brothers, Ellery and Calvin Chun, and by her sisters, Mrs. Wai Jane Char, Mrs. Ethel Lum, and Mrs. Wai Chee Yee.

Funeral services were held at Grant Miller Mortuary on May 15. Internment was at Mt View Cemetery in Oakland. The family prefers memorials be contributed to the American Cancer Society.

EVENTS

THUR., MAY 18, 6:30 p.m.

Hop Jok Fair community meeting, Chinese Culture Ctr., SF.

FRI., MAY 19, 1 p.m.

Handicraft workshop for senior citizens/housewives, Cameron House, 920 Sacramento, SF.

FRI., MAY 19, 7 p.m.

Slide/talk on China by Dan Chu, Historical Society meeting at Chinese Culture Ctr., SF.

FRI., MAY 19, 8 p.m.

Japanese dance lecture-performance, by Emiko Moffitt, Cubberly Audit., Stanford, free. (497-3362)

SAT., MAY 20, 9-5 p.m.

Conf.: Women & the Economy, City College, 50 Phelan, SF. (916) 445-1476.

SAT.-SUN., MAY 20-21, 10 a.m.

Spring Table Tennis Championships, SF TT Club, 113 Steuart, SF. (495-7932)

SUN., MAY 21, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

AACI Asian Am Culture/Arts Fair, Chinese Com., Ctr., 3065 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto.

SUN., MAY 21, 2 p.m.

Hung On Young Adults to visit the elderly at Petreo Convelesent Homes, SF. (982-3180)

SUN., MAY 21, 8:30 p.m.

Women Writers Union benefit for Wendy Yoshimura, La Pena, 3105 Shattuck, Berkeley.

SUN., MAY 21, 11:30 p.m.

Dupont Guy on Asian Am profile, KFRC 610am.

MON., MAY 22, 8 p.m.

Lecture: Chinese Painting & the Taoist Tradition by Prof. Michel Strickmann, Asian Art Museum, GG Park, SF. (\$2/\$1 558-2993)

TUE., MAY 23, 12-3 p.m.

DA's Complaint-mobile at Washington Sq., SF.

TUE., MAY 23, 8 p.m.

Hearing concerning Chew Kee herb store in the Fine Art Theatre of Sutter Creek High School, Fiddletown.

THUR., MAY 25, 12-3 p.m.

DA's Complaint-mobile at 5th Ave. & Clement, SF.

THUR., MAY 25, 5:30 p.m.

Chinatown Coalition for Better Housing meeting, Cameron House, SF.

THUR., MAY 25, 7:30 p.m.

Citizens' Advisory board, Dist. V Menta Health Ctr. meeting, 1351 24th Ave., SF.

FRI., MAY 26, 8 p.m.

Traditional Japanese music sight & sound show, Cubberly Audit., Stanford, free.

FRI-SAT., MAY 26-27, 8 p.m.

Bagong Diwa Dance Co. at San Jose City College Theater, San Jose. (408) 294-3701.

WED., MAY 31, 7 p.m.

Save a Life Heart Attack Workshop, (in Cantonese) Chinatown Library, SF.

SUN., JUNE 4, 6:30 p.m.

Hip Wo School benefit dinner, Empress of China, SF.

SUN., JUNE 11, 2 p.m.

Piano recital by pupils of Eva Fong Chan, Chinese Congregational Church, 21 Brenham, SF.

Hip Wo School Plans Spring Benefit Dinner

SAN FRANCISCO — The Hip Wo School will hold a Spring Benefit Dinner at Empress of China on June 4, according to principal Rev. Robert H. Stewart.

The event will feature songs and skits by students and will display pictures of school activities during the past 50 years.

The school is now located at First and St. John United Methodist Church at the corner of Clay and Larkin Streets. In addition to the classes in Chinese, the school has increased its services to the community by offering English classes for the new immigrants.

For information to the dinner, contact Rev. Stewart, 474-6219

Chingwah Lee on KYUU-FM

SAN FRANCISCO — Art historian Chingwah Lee will be the guest this Sunday, May 21, at 7:30 a.m. on KYUU-FM radio (99.7). Lee will appear on the mini-series "Memories — An Oral History of San Francisco," co-produced by KNBR radio and the Chinese Historical Society.

Lee will talk about his early days in San Francisco, his work with the Boy Scouts of America and his days as a Hollywood actor. The series is hosted by Harvey Wong and Don Wong of the Chinese Historical Society. The first two half-hour programs of the series had as its guest Historical Society co-founder H. K. Wong.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Alameda-Contra Costa HSA will hold the following public meeting under the provisions of Section 438.5 of the Health and Safety Code (as amended by Chapter 854, Statutes of 1976) to consider an application for Certificate of Need submitted by:

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15400 Foothill Blvd.
San Leandro, CA 94578

Application #77-696

The project proposes to convert 20 existing medical beds to a 20 bed acute psychiatric inpatient service for in-custody clients referred under 4011.6 and 4011.8 of the Penal Code by the courts and local jails of Alameda County. The estimated cost of the project is \$537,540.

Date and Time of Hearing: May 23, 1978—7:30 p.m.
Roosevelt Elementary School
951 Dowling Blvd.
San Leandro, California

Members of the public are invited to attend. Any person residing in either Alameda or Contra Costa counties or in contiguous areas who wishes to speak either in favor of or in opposition to this proposal may present statements in writing prior to the public meeting of the review panel or orally at the time of the scheduled meeting of the review panel.

An orientation meeting of the review panel has been scheduled as follows:

Date: May 15, 1978

Time/Place: 7:30 p.m.—Fairmont Hospital, 2nd Floor Conference Room, 15400 Foothill Blvd., San Leandro, California

Public comments will not be solicited at this orientation meeting.

The Governing Body of the Alameda-Contra Costa HSA will consider the application as follows:

Date: June 8, 1978—7:30 p.m.

Time/Place: Jewish Education Council, 3245 Sheffield Ave., Oakland, California

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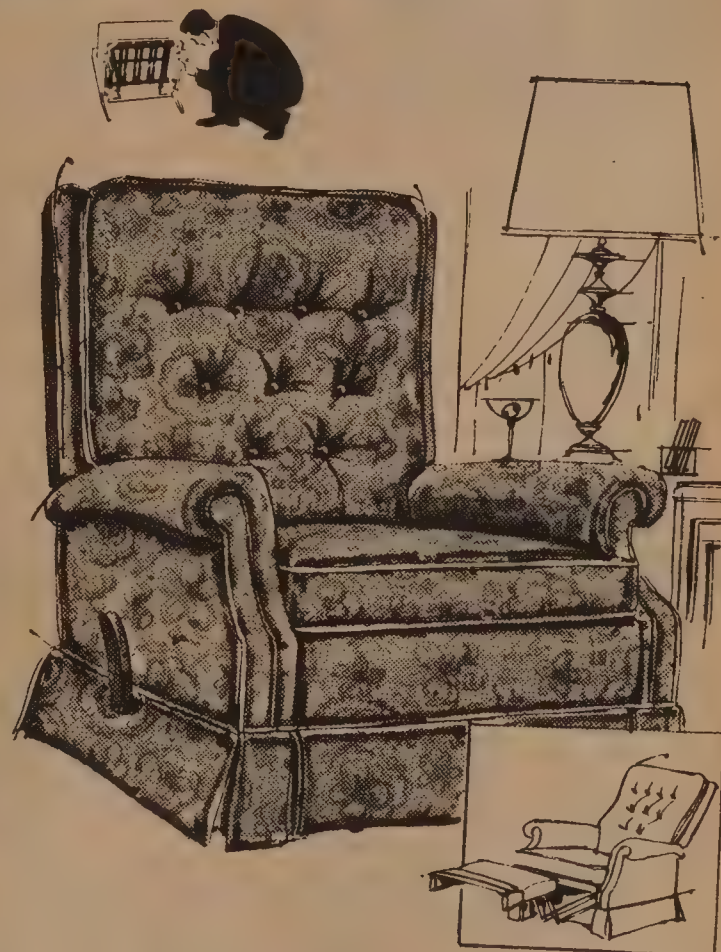
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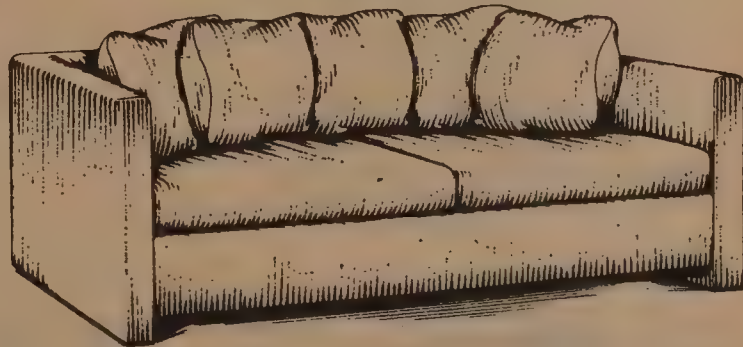
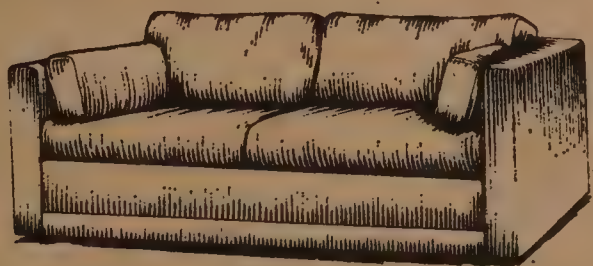
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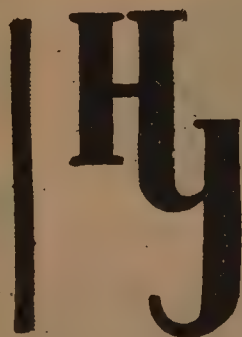
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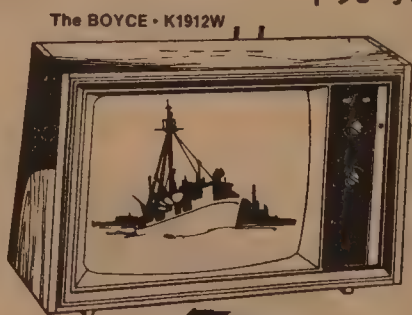
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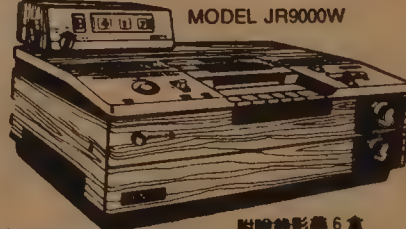
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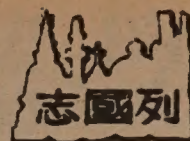
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礦物主要有金、銀、鐵、鉛、鋅、煤等。近十多年來，在北部發現豐富的石油和天然氣。

阿富汗境內儘管高山重疊，行旅艱難，但却是歷史上世界著名的國際交通樞紐。中世紀時，溝通中國和歐洲的貿易孔道——「絲綢之路」，就是從中國西部邊疆越過帕米爾高原，沿阿富汗境內的興都庫什山麓，通往波斯、阿拉伯和歐洲的。中國唐代高僧法顯和唐代的玄奘前往印度取經時，都經過阿富汗，而且受到阿富汗人的款待。

阿富汗的巴米揚古城，是世界著名的文化遺址。那兒有兩個巨大的立佛像，一個高達一百七十二英尺，另一座一百一十三英尺，都是依照山勢鑿鑿而成的。佛像衣褶則用泥灰土黏貼而成，十分逼真華美。玄奘在「大唐西域記」中說：「山坡有立佛石像，高一四、五十尺」，就是指它們。

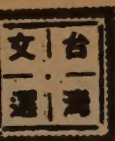
阿富汗二千多年來，經過多次外來的侵略和各部落間內戰。就在本世紀之內，阿富汗發生過多次宮廷政變。一九七三年七月的政變推翻了國王，廢除君主立憲，成立共和國。然而不到五年，最近又發生另一次政變。

阿富汗簡圖



台灣補習班趣聞

華亮



在考試第一的情況下，有一種畸型發展，那就是補習班到處林立，且形形色色，很多都是掛羊頭，賣狗肉，如不妥善糾正，則後果勢必更趨嚴重。

事實上，每位莘莘學子，從初中畢業、高中、大專乃至出國深造，真不知要接受多少補習班的煎熬。

閉路電視遙控教學

也由於補習班彼此競爭激烈，各

顯花招，形成許多有趣的怪現象：

以北市館前街號稱全台灣最大的一家補習班為例，班主任的辦公室，竟擁有現代化的閉路電視系統，以便管理一名師的授課情形，並作為「取捨」老師的標準，儼然一派企業經營的手法，因此該班教師的流動量亦頗可觀。

此外，補習班還有優於全台大專院校的設備——中央冷氣系統，學生身處其間，雖有一冷氣享受，但因學生數多，上課時如擠沙丁魚，根本談不上舒適。

家長簽名同意打罵

有的補習班強調電化教學，能加強學生的印象，作填鴨式的灌輸，但實際上是為了達到大班制教學的目的，以便獲取暴利。

更有以包辦制取勝，升高中考不取退錢，或考後收費，升大學也標榜「狀元班」，如法炮製。而這些也只是「花招」而已。

另有一家補習班，打出一「牛頭馬面」的招牌，專收一些調皮搗蛋的學生，入學之前由家長簽署同意書，允許補習班打罵，這真可以說是「捨本求末」，忘記教育的宗旨。

有些補習班專以「名牌老師」招徠學生，許多補習班門口「X中名師X」，巨幅的牌示，斗大的字，彷彿電影院的廣告，和X領銜主演，有異曲同工之妙。

更妙的是，有一家補習班，每天早讀前，把二、三百名學生，統統趕上四樓陽台，作兩、三個伏地挺身，美其名曰「四育并重」。

另一方面有些教師到補習班兼課是別有用心，他們盡量爭取學生的好感，待一段時間之後，便「吃裏扒外」，鼓吹如黃之舌，要學生到自已開辦的地下補習班補習。

收買學生與君同樂

這些老師收買學生的方法，不外乎略施小惠，請學生看電影、坐咖啡廳，或允許學生抽煙、喝酒、打牌，甚至「與君同樂」，真是荒唐到極點。

像這一類的人物，補習班恨之入骨，因而時有衝突，最狠的一招就是向教育機構檢舉，讓地下補習班開不成，於是學生重回補習班的懷抱。

補習班的學生宿舍，都充分利用空間，房間走道僅容側身通行，睡的是兩三層并排的吊舖，學生自修的書桌寬只盈寸，絕大多數都是外地生寄居於此。

衣食住行獨缺佳餚

每家補習班都以師資、設備、歷史來號召，但卻沒有補習班有圖書館、醫務室等文康福利設施。

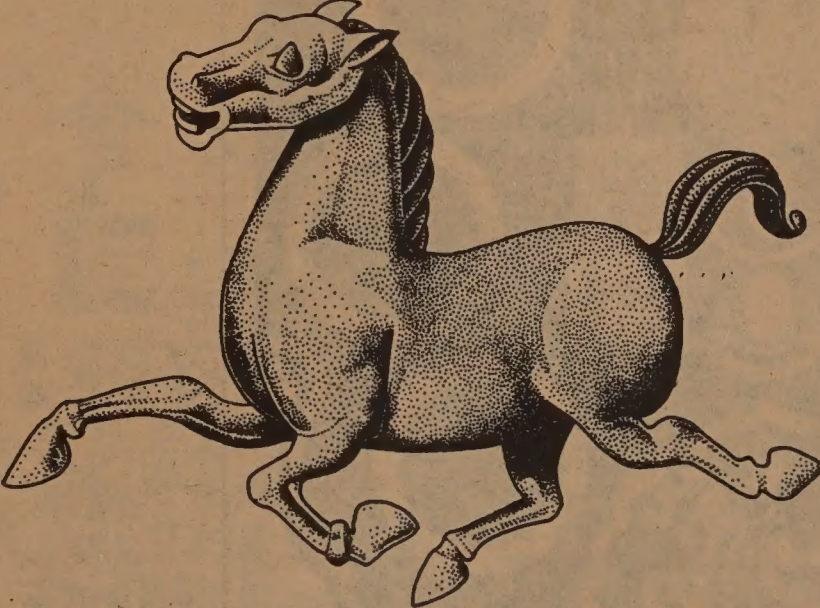
接受補習的學生上課起居已然如此，飲食更令人堪憂。前些日子衛生單位曾到學校附近抽查飲食衛生，但囑集在南陽街附近的麵店、自助餐、衛生營養程度實令人懷疑。

因此，趕上課的學生索性買速簡便當，顧不得乾淨與否，每日食用者有數千名之多，有些包飯業者，也常因為爭取學生吃客而花樣百出。

學店林立問題甚多

升學補習班甚眾，但留學補習班却寥寥可數，生意鼎盛，除了一家規模較

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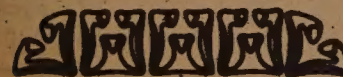
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四二、初探「死亡谷」(四)

在暮色漸濃中，我旅舍餐廳中聚餐。導遊們到達了「深井村」館小姐「瑪麗」代表旅遊社招待我們。按照規定，在「死亡谷」中，由旅遊社負責我們的住宿及膳食，包括在繳付的浴室，並有食水專用喉，井水含礦質太多，不合飲用。沙漠中氣候燥熱，各房均有冷氣設備，頃刻間暑氣消失，頓感舒適。

深井村位在「死亡谷」中心略偏北，公路向東通往尼凡達州，向南可達谷中各風景區，北面附近伸展着一片廣闊的沙丘區域。在荒漠的高原上，四面都是高山峻嶺，就是這村是山谷中的一塊平地。當天晚上，大家到

旅舍北望，見到一片廣闊的沙漠，沙丘起伏猶如海洋波浪。

進入死亡谷，四周包圍着連綿的山脈，山頂上積雪未消。

用具，然後各自回房，入浴登床，昏昏睡着了。我們旅遊團全體二十四人，包括導遊小姐及司機。大家已共同生活了兩天，彼此熟識起來，除我們父女兩人外，還有一華裔中年何君，其餘全是西籍。團員中最引人注意的是一位捷克籍的亨利先生，肥胖的五短身材，滿頭很短的白髮，挺出一個大肚子，生性好追根究底。三十年前他從捷克移民來美國，當了多年的海員，退休後在澳洲居住了一段時間，三年前回到美國來，留居在三藩市。他的足跡遍歷世界各地，生活經驗豐富，見識廣多。但是，從他的單身獨居來說，他一定經過一段不尋常的人生歷程，自己希望忘却已往，寄情于目前的新奇事物，因此對一切都要知道個詳細。當我們在三藩市出發前，大家聚集準備登車時，亨利先生首先向每一位團員握手而自我介紹，因此大家在啟程前已經認識了他。後來在旅程中，他也給我們解除了旅途中的寂寞，增加了旅遊的興趣和歡樂氣氛。團員中有一位東岸來的「紐約客」和華裔何君同屬另一種類型的人物，兩人年紀差很多，但同樣沉默寡言。在兩天旅途中沒開過口，今晚在死亡谷中剛開始有了轉變，在晚餐時跟我交談了。

(待續)

聞

雷門陳太夫人慧蘇廣東中山石岐人於一九〇五年十二月廿五日生在檀香山痛於一九七八年五月十一日病逝於史丹福大學醫院，積閱享壽七十五歲。已於五月十四日晚舉行家奠，五月十五日下午二時於屋崙格蘭米勒殯儀館舉行出殯禮，安葬於山景墳場忝屬宗親戚友世鄉誼哀此計

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香港的手錶製造業

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製造手錶，是香港一個突出的工業項目。過去幾年來，港製手錶外銷的數字節節上升，一九七二年，出口量為八百多萬個，貨值一億三千多萬元；到了去年，外銷量達三千四百萬個，貨值十二億九千萬元。五年之間，外銷量和外銷值分別激增了三倍和八倍多，這是其他工業行業難以相比的。難怪香港製錶工業已逐漸受到普遍的注意。

從上述的出口數字來看，顯示了香港製錶工業發展的迅速。據行內人士說，僅從外銷量逐年激增這一點，可以看出香港產錶的數量已僅次於瑞士而居於世界第二位。

但應該說明的是，香港出口的手錶，一般都不是甚麼名牌，如勞力士、亞米加之類，而是一般的平價錶，吸引人之處，在於其本身有型有款，戴起來漂亮美觀，而且售價相宜，誰都容易買得起；加上現代人多數講究實際，只求知道時間，而不在乎「牌子」。

在款式和準確性都不太差這條條件下，香港製錶業便因適應了要求而得以揚威海外。

香港生產的手錶，錶肉（即內部的機器）都是來自外國，至於外殼和款式、錶帶，則在本地生產和設計。所以表面上常常具有獨特之點。

瑞士產製的手錶，駐名世界，但其賣價也有上下貨之分；除了名廠出品，不會專賣錶肉外，不少工廠，却是專門出賣錶肉，銷往世界各地的。香港的手錶業者力求精益求精，多數採用瑞士錶肉，但也有採用法國出產的（蘇聯貨也曾有過）。

以前，在瑞士及法郎的幣值未上升時，每個下價錶肉入口價約為港幣二、三十元之間，但幣值上升後，成本隨之加重。錶肉買回以後，由專人設計手錶的款式，多數以一些名牌錶的新款式作參考樣本，定型以後，進行生產，再配以適當的錶帶，於是一個有型有款的港產手錶開始面世。通常一隻製成了而能在市面出售的手錶，其成本為五、六十元左右。

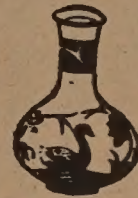
事情說來似乎簡單，實際也不一定。如果以大企業方式經營，困難是較小的，可是一些中小型的工廠，却是困難重重。錶肉向外國購買，問題還不大，最成問題的是錶殼和錶帶。香港有不少專造錶殼和錶帶的工廠，這些廠做的就是大生意，每生產一種款式的錶殼或

錶帶，數量往往以億萬計。因為成本重，必須先製成一個「模」，才能生產。如果你只能買一千個錶殼或錶帶，經濟上就不划算了。因此一般的中小廠商，只能與大廠商合作，看準大廠有多餘的貨，或乘別人大批訂貨，自己搭上一手，請求多造一千個，這樣才能化算。否則，原是平價錶殼變成貴價錶，銷售便困難了。

港製手錶除了出口生意外，不少商人也以當地市場為主。由於社會治安不好，歹徒當街搶劫，有些人即使有高價名牌手錶，也不願佩戴，寧可把它收藏好，而另用一隻平價錶，知道時間就算。香港製的手錶，在外型和實用上，比起外國手錶也沒有多大遜色。這也形成下價錶暢銷的原因。



龍泉青瓷



浙江龍泉青瓷，是中國古代出類拔萃的瓷器產品，早在十三世紀就成為中國對外貿易、文化交流的商品，暢銷東南亞和歐洲各地，盛名遠播海外。

龍泉青瓷位於浙江西南隅，龍泉青瓷的主要產地是在龍泉西南的劉田，即現在的大溪。據古籍所載，龍泉青瓷最先為宋代處州人章生二所燒造，密稱弟窯，以別於其兄章生一所主的哥窯（哥窯為宋時五大名窯之一，所燒瓷器以紋片見長，號稱百圾碎，冠絕當世。一而弟窯所燒瓷器則無紋片，釉色粉青，純粹如玉，堪稱珍品。

據云龍泉青瓷開始燒造瓷器是在五代以後，早期作品有多孔壺、龍虎瓶、蓋壺、直身瓶等。南宋時代可說是龍泉青瓷的輝煌時期，當時生產的青瓷釉色以粉青為最佳，主要品種有盤口雙耳瓶、大口直身瓶、扁壺等。由宋末至明初百餘年間，龍泉青瓷開始燒造較大型的瓶（高可達三尺）盤（直徑可達二尺）等，一般胎質厚重，釉色青中帶綠。

明代龍泉青瓷會大量燒造青瓷，早期釉色近似豆綠色，但釉質較厚，盛行印花及刻文。但明末時期，胎土呈灰色，已不及以前之精美。到了清代初年，龍泉青瓷的釉色青中帶綠而呈深暗，與明代無大分別，但到了乾隆以後，龍泉青瓷便停止生產青瓷了。

龍泉青瓷在宋、元、明時已成為中國出口商品之一。南宋時，由於朝廷財政困難，因此大量向外國輸出龍泉青瓷及其他瓷器，以充實國家收入；元明年間，大量龍泉青瓷經由福建泉州港輸往世界各地；明初鄭和七次下西洋，也帶同許多瓷器（包括龍泉青瓷在內），因此龍泉青瓷大量散佈到鄭和所經行的地方，終明之世，龍泉青瓷的出口未嘗中止，一直到清代，由於龍泉青瓷停止生產，輸出也就停止了。

龍泉青瓷在清代中葉停止生產後，這一優秀的古代製瓷工藝瀕於失傳的境地。直至一九五六年間，當局聘請龍泉青瓷老藝人籌備恢復龍泉青瓷生產，終於在一九六〇年正式大批燒製新一代的青瓷產品。過去的傳統藝術產品如大穿耳方口瓶、大雙環牡丹瓶、三脚鼎爐、直把茶壺、雲鶴荷葉碗、蓮子杯等，仍然保持原有的水準，此外，藝人們根據青瓷釉層厚薄不同而呈現出不同色調的原理，設計製作了青瓷玲瓏工藝產品，為青瓷生產創下新頁。新製成的產品包括有玲瓏壁燈、碗、杯、花瓶等多種，藝人們採用鏤空、剔薄、堆貼、吊線、連續等多種技法，把複雜的圖案和景象逼真地表現現在器皿上，明暗相映，層次分明，富有立體美感。現在龍泉青瓷的品種達到四百種以上，無論年產量或出口量均大有增長。

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持綠卡移民出國

極少數綠卡被扣

(本報訊)上週三藩市移民局新任副局長貝爾女士在華埠記者招待會中指出移民局扣留及取消永久居民「綠卡」案件為數甚少。

她指出有綠卡者可離美國往外國探親經商旅遊等，但期限為一年。超過一年者要在離境前申請再度入境准證。

貝爾說移民局職員絕無隨意抽起扣留綠卡的情形。在機場移民局官員只在審查綠卡持有人離美期限、出國理由後，認為有放棄永久居美意圖後才扣留綠卡。例如綠卡持有人共離美五次，每次在國外居留十一個月，移民局員有權懷疑其居美意圖是否屬實。

如該持有綠卡者確是永久居美者，可出示證據，如納稅證明及在美住宅地址。如稅單中注明是以非居民身份納稅時(即一〇四〇NR)，移民局可扣留綠卡。

機場移民局官員有權在綠卡持有人入境後再邀到市內移民局中問訊。如認為該人有放棄綠卡時，持有人可要求在移民法庭

中上訴。

貝爾說在今年四月廿日前六個月中，三藩市移民局轄區內只「再度審查」綠卡案五十四宗。其中廿一宗來自檀香山(只有

六宗是華人的)，其他廿三宗是三藩市的(十九宗是華人)。在這五十四宗中，只有五人自動放棄綠卡。一人上訴後得直，另四十八人在詳細問訊後准予入境。

(許婉馨)

公聽會議商討
保持華人遺跡

(本報訊)五月二十三日(星期二)晚八時，

菲特爾鎮將舉行一次歷史性的公聽會，會場在該鎮的蘇特溪中學劇院內。這次公聽會將決定是否准許一家工業公司在菲特爾鎮(舊名亞里達)開掘石灰礦。事緣鎮上有一家古老的華人藥材舖「朝記」號，最近由國會議員麥克福爾呈請內政部保存為國家歷史古跡，加州各地及麻州的哈佛燕京學院亦具函支持。(請參閱本報本年二月十五日英文版)一旦石灰礦動工，載重卡車往來在這條狹窄的小路上，這家朝記中藥店及貼鄰的舊華人賭館和雜貨舖以及非華人的歷史性建築物，

都受影響，沒有多久就會場毀。

加州以外，華裔先民遺留的舊物古跡，大多已被盜竊，或由商業發展而被毀。如朝記藥材舖等少數華人古跡因此普遍受人注意而保存下來。菲特爾鎮古跡保護會從一九六五年以來，就一貫努力保存這家舊藥舖。當時該店最後主人馮秋有身故，沒有留下遺囑，阿瑪杜縣有人把這店看作眼中釘，要改變它的外貌，用鋼樑貫通泥牆，使這座古老建築物面目皆非。幸而古跡保護會阻止了這項破壞原貌的企圖，整理了陳列品，籌款修理了房屋。

五月十一日，古跡保護會的會員在凱澤太太家中開座談會，各會員紛紛發表意見，感情洋溢，對這家老藥店的歷史意義，無不深表重視。大家解釋為該古跡不惜費時費力，奔走設法保留的理由。這些會員大多嚮往中華文化，也有在中國出生的，珍惜中國的文物，猶如我們華裔公民一般。

一九七三年九月二十六日，一家工業公司申請許可在菲特爾鎮近郊開掘石灰礦。許多房地產業主提出反對，恐怕破壞環境及污濁空氣。古跡保護會從那時開始，四年半以來已阻止了這家公司的掘礦企圖。最近情況轉變。四月二十七日，阿瑪杜縣技術諮詢委員會提出了一份報告書，建議頒發許可證給該公司，因此縣計劃委

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美新聞處關閉
駐台兩圖書館

(東西報社論)正當美國國家安全顧問布熱津斯基動程往北京的時候。在台灣的台灣新聞處宣佈關閉台中南兩地的圖書

在台北的美軍士兵和軍官俱樂部，和現在的關閉美新聞處圖書館。

館。美新聞發言人說是為了節省經費，但一般人都知道這是來自華盛頓的命令。其中主要是為了政治因素，不是經濟因素。卡特總統上任後口口聲聲說要依照上海公報所指方針來進行美中關係正常化。可是他不急於與北京建交是眾所周知的事實。在尼克遜與福特任內，美國撤去駐台機群，美陸海軍部隊也一撤再撤，至現在只餘二千多人。卡特上任後，不見有大規模的撤兵，只見不久前關閉了

美新聞處圖書館對學生俾益甚大。圖書館中有美國書報，有些是台灣不能郵寄進口的，而且有美國各大學的章程，有文娛電影等節目，是一個介紹美國學術文化及增進兩國人民間互相瞭解的媒介。我們不贊成美國軍隊駐外國及干涉外國內政。但是卻絕對反對美國斷與外國的文化友好關係。就算是日華盛頓宣佈與北京建交，也沒有必要關閉圖書館。政府現採這行動，是一個不智之舉。